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**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

March 27, 2008

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Re: In the Matter of Arizona Public Service Company and Verizon California, Inc.'s Joint Petition for the Establishment of an Underground Conversion Service Area, Docket Nos. E-01345A-07-0663 and T-01846B-07-0663

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find copies of the correspondence in the above-referenced matter received by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") since my letter on February 27, 2008. As noted in my prior letters, this correspondence may also be viewed electronically by using the e-Docket function on the Commission website (<http://www.azcc.gov/>).

Sincerely,

Sarah N. Harpring  
Administrative Law Judge

Enclosure

cc:

Mr. Christopher Kempley  
Ms. Robin Mitchell  
Mr. Ernest G. Johnson  
Docket Control

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**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**  
**UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM**

**Investigator:** Brad Morton

**Phone:** (602) 542-0836

**Fax:** (602) 542-2129

**Priority:** Respond Within Five Days

**Opinion No. 2008 - 66771**

**Date:** 2/27/2008

**Complaint Description:** 10Z Construction - Other  
N/A Not Applicable

**Complaint By:** **First:** Janice May **Last:** Powers

**Account Name:** Janice May Powers

**Home:** (928) 667-4855

**Street:** 934 Linger Dr

**Work:**

**City:** Parker

**CBR:**

**State:** AZ **Zip:** 85344

**is:**

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**Utility Company:** Arizona Public Service Company

**Division:** Electric

**Contact Name:** For assignment

**Contact Phone:** (602) 000-0000

**Nature of Complaint:**

OPINION THROUGH COMMISSIONER MAYES

DOCKET # E-01345A-07-0663 / T 01846B-07-0663

ACC Docket Control  
12W W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, Az 85007

I am calling regarding Docket Nos E-01 345A-07-0663 and T-018468-07-0661. I [was unable to attend the hearing in Phoenix. I am a property owner at 934 Linger Drive at Hillcrest Bay. I am a 70-year-old single, retired woman on a fixed income. I am protesting the underground utility plantcd for Hillcrest Bay I feel that that has been so many lies told about how nrnch this is going to cost, and how this is going to iincrease the value of Our property, et They don't mention anything about increasing our taxes which so very high now There seeing to be so many little items that come up thal increases the cost to the homeowners.

1 have two lots, which were converted to one lot On the information I have receive4 it shows I have a large lot, but what doesn't show , is that a lot of my lot is a hill. Why should I have1 to be penalized for that and pay more money than other homeowners who have two lots, but show smaller footage. I also think that the homeowners who have view lots should pay more than non-view lot owners pay, as they are the ones who want the underground utilities. In addition, I understand that at the hearing, Mr. Sears said the Association would try to help people who could not afford underground utilities. How does he think the Association will pay for that? In addition, who will decide who needs to be helped? Will they increase our dues, so that we will be forced out. I have owned this property since 1984, and my mobile is too old to get a loan on. I would have to make a loan by whomever the Association is getting, and I am not sure if I could claim it on my income tax. I also think the boxes that would be put up would be more noticeable than the poles, so why would that be considered beautiful? Our lots are so small--so where will be boxes be put? Also, our streets would be torn up and even though they would fix them, they will never be put back in good shape, so we will have to spend more money to fix them.

**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**  
**UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM**

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The Board is using Association money to mail out letters, taking photos, etc, and sending to the homeowners, which has been very costly. If anyone else wants to send letters of protest, we would have to pay for it ourselves. I am very concerned about the tactics being used by certain members of our Board. Since this started shaping up, we have had many Board members resigning.  
Thank you for allowing me to put my feelings down.

Janice May Powers  
934 Linger Drive  
Parker, Arizona 85344  
(928) 667-4855  
Parcel Number: 310-32-1 80A  
Docket Numbers: E-01345A-07-0663  
T-0 1 846B-07-0663  
cc: Arizona Corporation Commission Arizona Corporation Commission  
Attention: Judge Sarah Harpring Attention: Commissioner Kristin Mayes  
1200 W. Washington Street 1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
\*End of Complaint\*

**Utilities' Response:**

n/a  
\*End of Response\*

**Investigator's Comments and Disposition:**

Called consumer on behalf of Commissioner Mayes and confirm receipt of Opinion.  
\*End of Comments\*

**Date Completed:** 2/27/2008

**Opinion No.** 2008 - 66771

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Linda Ledbetter  
570 Rim View Drive  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301  
208-734-3099  
February 22, 2008

Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION  
HEARING DIVISION

Re: Docket No. E-01345A-07-0663 and T-01846B-07-0663

Dear Commissioners:

In response to a letter sent to all Hillcrest Bay homeowners by Steve Benton 2-8-08, I am writing to reaffirm my "yes" vote for the Underground Conversion Service Area.

I have been fully informed as to cost estimates from Verizon and APS, as well as private costs, which total somewhere around \$24,000; and I am actually one of the lucky ones who already has an unobstructed view. For those reasons, I was on the fence regarding my vote for a long time.

But after considering the pros and cons, I believe the conversion is in the best interests of the subdivision as a whole; for those of us who own property there now, as well as those who will own property there in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of my support for the underground conversion.

Sincerely,



Linda Ledbetter  
Lot 310-32-036A  
Hillcrest Bay  
Parker, Arizona 85344



# Hillcrest Bay, Inc.

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February 26, 2008

Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, Arizona, 85007

RE: Docket# E-01345A-07-0663  
Docket# T-01846B-07-0663

## Underground Utility Project, A letter of misinformation:

Enclosed please find a letter from Mr. Steve Benton that was mailed to owners in favor of the underground project. The letter dated 02/08/2008 attempts to undermine support for this project. He attended the hearing of 1/18/2008, heard testimony and yet has made misleading statements counter to the testimony. My concern is that this misleading information may have an unfair influence on some owners and therefore on this matter before Judge Sarah N. Harpring and the Commissioners.

John Sears, Chairman of this project wrote a factual letter to the owners in response, in some cases quoting the transcript from the hearing that counters this misinformation. [Please see attachment]

Some of the inaccurate statements made in Mr. Benton's letter: I do not understand why some costs are \$5000/\$6000 and others are \$30,000. [Please see: P 71, Line 11 of the transcript and P187 Line 17 of the transcript: this is clearly explained]

I was shocked to learn at the hearing of an additional \$928,000 to be paid by the homeowners. [P180 Line 10 thru P181 Line 12, this is a typo. There is no such cost.]

I learned at the hearing that some owners under intense pressure signed the petition. [No such testimony] Some wrote letters to the judge stating that they were pressured into voting yes. [No such letters could be found posted to the Commission Web page as of 1/25/2008]

Are you aware of the fact that there will be no street lights? [Mr. Benton has no knowledge of this. There are several options for lighting.]

I would appreciate your review of Steve Benton's letter [attached]. I am requesting that none of the misinformation or any resulting homeowner's response from Mr. Benton's letter has any influence in this matter.

Thank you,

Grace D. Babcock  
President, Hillcrest Bay Homeowner Association

HILLCREST BAY ASSOCIATION

FEBURARY 12, 2008

PROPOSED UNDERGROUND UTILITY PROJECT.....JOHN SEARS

**1] WHY ARE SOME OWNERS PAYING AS LITTLTE AS \$5000.00 AND SOME \$30,000.00?**

**ANSWER: ACCORDING TO SWORN TESTIMONY AT THE JANUARY 12TH, 2008 ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION HEARINGS " THE SIZE OF THE PRIVATE COSTS WOULD DEPEND UPON THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT IS REQUIRED. IT COULD BE IMPACTED BY THE LENGTH OF THE TRENCH IF A TRENCH IS REQUIRED IT COULD BE IMPACTED BY WHETHER OR NOT CONCRETE OR ASPHALT THAT HAS TO BE CUT THROUGH AND RESTORED. IT COULD BE IMPACTED BY WHETHER OR NOT A SERVICE PANEL NEEDS TO BE UPGRADED OR REPLACED". THE LONGER THE TRENCH THE GREATER THE COST. THE AVERAGE MAY BE 50 ' THE LOT WITH THE HIGHEST COST HAS 270' TO TRENCH. IF THE LOT SIZE IS LARGER, IT COSTS MORE.**

**[2] WHY NOT CHARGE EQUALLY FOR EACH LOT?**

**ANSWER: THE STATE LEGISLATORS DETERMINED THAT SQ FOOTAGE WAS A FAIR WAY TO APPORTION THE COST. THIS WAY THE SMALLER LOTS ARE NOT PAYING PART OF THE LARGER LOT COSTS.**

**[3] IS THERE AN ADDITIONAL \$928,000.00 COST.**

**ANSWER: NO**

**IN SWORN TESTIMONY, THIS WAS CLEARED UP AS A TYPO, AT THE HEARING.**

**[4] WHAT ARE THE COSTS? HAVE THEY CHANGED?**

**ANSWER: THE COSTS HAVE NOT CHANGED.**

**AS STATED IN THE LETTER ATTACHED TO THE PETITION OF MARCH 24, 2007.**

**THE COST IS \$2,008,005.23 TOTAL.....BOTH UTILITIES, TRENCHING, CONDUIT, ETC.**

**THE COST IS 902,527.50 TOTAL .....FOR ALL CONVERSION CONNECTIONS, FOR ALL EFFECTED PARCELS ; FROM THE METER TO THE DWELLING PANEL AND RELATED COSTS. PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHMENT.**

**IN SWORN TESTIMONY APS WILL OBTAIN NEW BIDS IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOWER THESE CAN'T BE EXCEEDED COSTS. THE CONVERSION COSTS ARE OPEN TO ANY OWNER TO DO THE WORK THEMSELVES OR OBTAIN A LOWER COST FROM ANY QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR. AN UNIMPROVED LOT ONLY HAS BASIC TRENCHING COSTS, ETC. TO THE LOT LINE. NOTHING FURTHER.**

**[5] WILL THERE NOT BE STREET LIGHTS?**

**ANSWER; THIS HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED AS YET AND WE WILL ASK FOR IMPUT ON THIS FROM THE OWNERS. THE OPTIONS ARE NO LIGHTS, NEW METAL POLES FOR THE EXISTING LIGHTS OR MORE LIGHTS LOCATED THROUGHOUT. IT WOULD BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF HILLCREST BAY OWNERS TO SET UP A LIGHTING DISTRICT IN THE FUTURE FOR LOWER RATES.**

**AT THE SUNDAY FEBURARY 17TH HOMEOWNERS MEETING, A TRANSCRIPT OF THE COMMISSION HEARING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW.**

**THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRAMATICLY IMPROVE HILLCREST BAY IS HERE NOW, IT WILL NOT COME AGAIN ANYTIME SOON AND NEVER AT THIS PRICE. APS IS CONTRIBUTING \$327,000 FOR THIS PROJECT. IT DESERVES YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THANK YOU.**

To: All Property Owners at Hillcrest Bay  
From: Steve Benton  
Date: Friday February 8, 2008  
Re: Underground Utilities

I am writing you this letter because I believe you voted "Yes" for the underground utilities. I understand your "Yes" vote and I agree that our subdivision would look better without the utility poles, wires, etc.

There are several things that I do not understand:


- 1) Why are some homeowners paying as little as \$5,000/\$6,000, while some others are paying over \$30,000. I have been told it was based on the square footage of our property but if you will look at the information I have attached to this letter, several homeowners with square footage larger than mine, are paying considerably less;
- 2) I did the math and if the cost were split equally amongst each lot, it would be approximately \$8,500 per lot;
- 3) Because the assessments are so high for some homeowners, especially those on a fixed income or a low income, I have heard that some homeowners say that they will have to sell their homes, because they cannot come up with the finances;
- 4) Imagine trying to sell your home at this time, with the market as it is and also imagine trying to tell a potential buyer, that "Oh, by the way, after you purchase my home, you will have to pay an additional \$30,000, to get electric and phone." Isn't it sad that some homeowners would have to sell their homes so others could enjoy a better view?;
- 5) I don't believe any of you are that cruel, but unfortunately, homeowners selling their homes is a sad reality because they cannot afford the huge reassessments because of a low or fixed income;
- 6) I attended the hearing at the Arizona Corporation Commission last month. I was shocked to learn, at the hearing, that there was an **additional \$928,000.00** that the homeowners would have to pay above & beyond the original assessment; (See attached) I, for some reason, was not aware of these additional costs and I have talked to other homeowners and they were not aware or thought they were part of the original assessment. Did you know this?;
- 7) I also learned, at the hearing, that some of you that voted "Yes", did so under intense pressure and even wrote letters to the judge, stating that you have been pressured into voting "Yes";

- 8) Are you aware of the fact, that when the poles come down, we will have no streetlights, because our streetlights are attached to the poles;
- 9) Are you aware of the fact, that when they start trenching underground, they may possibly dig into our water lines and we would be without water until the water lines are repaired;
- 10) Since the utility poles are over 40 yrs old, and one has already fallen over, should it not be the utility company's responsibility to cover these costs. After all, I believe they are bringing in over \$500,000 a year in revenue from our subdivision and will continue to do so long after we're dead and buried and someone else is living in our home. Over time, they could recoup their investment over and over again while the homeowners may never recoup their investment;
- 11) I am shocked at how many of you that live on the front row, with an unobstructed view, have voted "Yes" to this project and are going to spend thousands and thousands of dollars and not gain any benefit from this huge investment. I have noticed that some of you, with a perfect view, are spending over \$20,000 but I realize this is your choice;
- 12) Some homeowners have told me that they believe that because there is a lien on their property, they will not have to pay anything at this time. They will just settle this lien if they ever sell their property (**This is not true!!!!**);
- 13) At the hearing in Phoenix, Judge Harpring requested a lot of additional information from the utility companies and ordered that this information be forwarded to her by Feb 19, 2008;
- 14) I asked Judge Harpring, after the trial, since she was gathering information from the utility companies until Feb 19, would that mean the homeowners could still forward information to her by that date as well. She said "**Yes**". I spoke with the Arizona Corporation Commission today (Friday February 8, 2008) and I was told that the ACC would be willing to accept any new information from the Hillcrest homeowners and the information would be reviewed by the judge.
- 15) If you are having second thoughts about your "Yes" vote, or are possibly upset about the additional charges that you were not aware of (\$928,000.00) or if you have compassion for your neighbors who absolutely cannot afford these huge assessments, you can still write to the Arizona Corporation Commission and to Judge Sarah Harpring and to Commissioner Kristin Mayes by doing the following:



Please Note: By the time you receive this letter, you will only have a few days to respond to the Arizona Corporation Commission. **If you feel a need to change your vote, or write a letter to the Arizona Corporation Commission, you will have to do so immediately.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.  
Sincerely,

  
Steve Benton

2948 Noble View  
Parker, AZ 85344

You must do the following (exactly) for the letter to be accepted:

- 1) Mail letters to the following address:  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
ACC Docket Control  
1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007
- 2) Your full name
- 3) Your complete address
- 4) Your complete Telephone Number (contact number)
- 5) Your Parcel Number
- 6) Your Original Signature
- 7) Please include BOTH following Docket Numbers to your letter

**E-01345A-07-0663**

**T-01846B-07-0663**

- 8) Please send 13 copies of your letter

9) Please send an additional copy of your letter addressed to Judge Sarah Harpring and one copy to Commissioner Kristin Mayes to the following addresses:

Arizona Corporation Commission  
Attn: Judge Sarah Harpring  
1200 W. Washington St  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Arizona Corporation Commission  
Attn: Commissioner Kristin Mayes  
1200 W. Washington St  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Honorable Judge Sarah Harpring  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
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Phoenix, Arizona, 85007-2927

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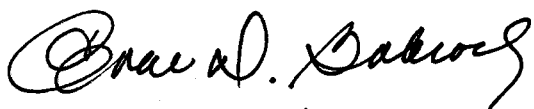
**Re: Docket# E-01345A-07-0663**  
**Docket# T-01846B-07-0663**

**Support for the Underground Utilities Project**

The Hillcrest Bay Homeowner Association Board of Directors passed a resolution at our board meeting on February 17, 2008. The resolution, in principle, will consider helping those homeowners claiming low income or hardship, with monies as available, to offset all or a portion of their costs related to our underground utility project. Once this project is approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission a committee will be formed to identify eligible homeowners and implement this resolution.

The completion of this underground utility project will be a major improvement for Hillcrest Bay, the County and the State of Arizona.

Sincerely,



Grace D. Babcock  
President, Hillcrest Bay Association  
714-403-2444

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1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
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Re: Docket No. **E-01345A-07-0663** and **T-01846B-07-0663**

Dear Commissioners:

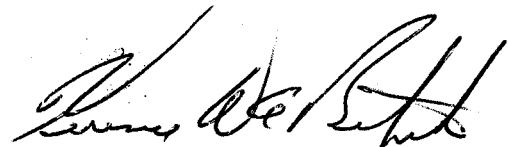
I have a home in Hillcrest Bay and currently own two properties in the development. I am retired and am living on a fixed income. I am writing to **reaffirm my "yes" votes** for the Underground Conversion Service Area.

I attended the 18 Jan 08 hearing on this matter and voiced my support for the project at that time. I believe the project will be beneficial to our development by not only ridding the community of a very unsightly spider web of wiring and poles but will also enhance our safety through the removal of an old, deteriorating system. We recently had one rotten pole crash down on the street with live wires posing a threat to residents; we certainly don't need another such incident.

Several residents have stated the project represents a financial hardship for them. This may be true. However, we are all faced with both expected and unexpected expenses and most people manage to work through it. In consideration of these residents, our homeowners Board has recently decided to see what financial support can be provided to those in the community who truly need it for this project. If the Board is successful, this may alleviate the hardship concerns the residents have expressed.

By completing this needed upgrade to our community, benefits will be enjoyed by all homeowners, whether it be the aesthetic appeal, the safety enhancements of a new system, the improved electric and telephone utility performance, or the increase in property values. In my opinion, the positives outweigh the negatives. I urge the Commission to **approve** this project.

Sincerely,



Terence W.A. Bitrich  
Lots 310-32-078 & 310-32-079  
Hillcrest Bay  
Parker, Arizona

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1200 West Washington Street  
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Re: Docket No. **E-01345A-07-0663** and **T-01846B-07-0663**

Dear Commissioners:

I have a home in Hillcrest Bay and currently own two properties in the development. I, like many others in the community, am retired and am living on a fixed income. I am writing to **reaffirm my support** for the Underground Conversion Service Area.

I attended the 18 Jan 08 hearing on this matter and voiced my support for the project at that time. I believe the project will be beneficial to our development by not only ridding the community of a very unsightly spider web of wiring and poles but will also enhance our safety through the removal of an old, deteriorating system. We recently had one rotten pole crash down on the street with live wires posing a threat to residents; we certainly don't need another such incident.

Several residents have stated the project represents a financial hardship for them. This may be true as the costs to a few residents are quite high due to the location of their properties. However, most people can manage to work through reasonable levels of unexpected expenses. In consideration of those residents who cannot, our homeowner's Board has recently decided to see what financial support can be provided to those in our community who truly need it for this project. If the Board is successful, this may alleviate the hardship concerns some of our residents have expressed.

By completing this needed upgrade to our community, benefits will be enjoyed by all homeowners, whether it is the aesthetic appeal, the safety enhancements of a new system, the improved electric and telephone utility performance, or the increase in property values. In my opinion, the positives outweigh the negatives.

I respectfully urge the Commission to **approve** this project.

Sincerely,



Terence W.A. Bitrich  
1021 N. Puente Street  
Brea, California 92821  
(714) 686-5659

**Lots 310-32-078 & 310-32-079**  
Hillcrest Bay, Parker, Arizona

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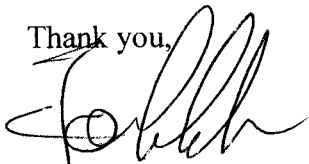
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**SUPPORT FOR HILLCREST UNDERGROUND CONVERSION SERVICE  
AREA**

My name is Don Clark. My home address is 16900 Taft St., Riverside, CA 92508. My home number is 909-609-5978. My parcel number is 310-32-158.

I would like to re-affirm my "Yes" vote for the Hillcrest Underground Conversion Service Area. My reasons may be selfish because I want a view without a sea of wires to look out on. I want my grandchildren to be safe from the telephone pole that is 10 inches away from my building. I want protection from potential fire hazards due to poor stability of equipment. I don't want an age old troublesome system that frequently over loads then shuts down at a place of comfort and relaxation for me and my family.

Thank you,



Don Clark  
Homeowner

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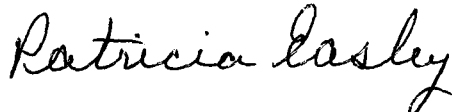
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To Whom It May Concern:

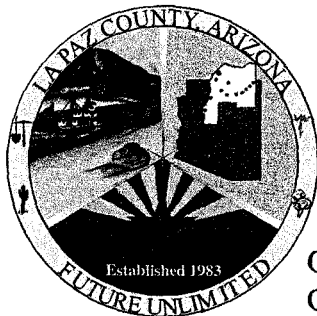
I strongly support the Hillcrest Underground Conversion Service Area. I would like to express that my lot has 2 poles, and I am concerned that these poles might one day catch on fire. I am concerned since I am not there 100% of the time the potential damage a fire would cause to my trailer and the surrounding trailers. Electrical storms concern me a great deal because I have one pole that is three feet from my house. I give my support to the association in going forward with this project.

Sincerely,



Patricia Easley  
Parcel# 310-32-118A

4161 Ricardo Drive  
Yorba Linda, California 92886  
714-528-3711



# La Paz County Board of Supervisors

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Clifford Edey - District 2 Interim County Administrator  
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March 6, 2008

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Phoenix, AZ 85007  
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Dear Commissioners:

RE: DOCKET NO. E-01345A-07-0663  
DOCKET NO. T-01846B-07-0663  
Parcel #310-32-274

As you know, La Paz County owns Lot 274 in Hillcrest Bay due to tax default. We have stated from the commencement of this process, that it would not be appropriate, nor fiscally responsible, for La Paz County to pay the conversion costs associated with the project.

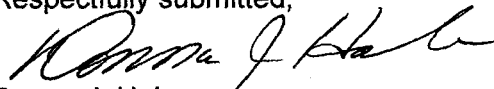
The reasoning is straight forward – the previous property owners let the parcel become the property of La Paz County for back taxes. Since the County became the property owner, we have sold “the parcel for back taxes” twice and both times the buyers asked for their money back. The conversion would not make this parcel more sellable, as it is not buildable due to topography nor accessible.

The establishment of the underground conversion service area is of no benefit to Lot 274 and we submit that A.R.S. §40-346(B) would be applicable in this regard.

I respectfully submit that it is appropriate that Lot 274 be eliminated from the Hillcrest Bay Underground Conversion Service Area. I am sure you will agree after reviewing all of the facts.

Thank you for your attention to this parcel and how it relates to the conversion service area.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Donna J. Hale  
Interim County Administrator /  
Clerk of the Board

c: The Honorable Sarah N. Harpring, Administrative Law Judge  
Arizona Public Service Company  
Verizon California, Inc.



# Hillcrest Bay, Inc.

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March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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HEARING DIVISION

Subject: Parcel 310-32-274

This parcel which is owned by La Paz County falls under the description in Arizona Statute 40-346B. Line 40.

Re: "The Commission shall eliminate any territory described in the petition which it finds will not be benefited by the establishment of the underground service area or in which it finds that conversion is not economically or technically feasible".

This parcel is not flat, but rather it is a steep parcel that rolls down into an inaccessible canyon. There is no buildable area, it is virtually worthless and therefore it cannot benefit by the establishment of an underground service area.

Hillcrest Bay respectfully requests that this parcel be eliminated from the USCA.

Subject Parcel 310-32-35A and Parcel 310-32-34A  
Statute 40-346B

These two parcels are unique and unlike any other at Hillcrest. The access is off of a main street, down a steep slope. The USCA costs are much greater to these two properties than to any other Hillcrest property due to the distance to get service to them. If they were excluded from the USCA, the impact to the rest of the community would be minimal. Two new replacement poles down the hill from Manor View Drive would save these two owners together over \$70,000.00.

Hillcrest Bay is not advocating action or opposed to the Commission considering these properties in light of 40-346B. Line 40. We are pointing out the uniqueness, high cost and therefore questionable benefit of the USCA to these properties, in an effort to be fair to these two owners.

Respectfully,  
John Sears

Chairman, Hillcrest Bay Underground Utility Project





# Hillcrest Bay, Inc.

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Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

March 11th, 2008

Re: DOCKET E-01345A-07-0663  
DOCKET T-01846B-07-0663

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Subject: Late-filed requests for withdrawal of signatures.

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Hillcrest Bay's position on this is issue.

[1] All parties were notified that January 8th, 2008 was the deadline for withdrawal of signatures. One owner did in fact properly remove their signature. This deadline was fair to all concerned and therefore no late filings should be honored.

[2] The few late filed requests received after the January 8th, 2008 deadline came following a letter dated February 8th, 2008 mailed to owners requesting that they remove their signatures. A few did so, but only after being influenced by mostly false information that was contained in this letter; information counter to the testimony at the January 18<sup>th</sup> 2008 hearing. The author of the letter attended that hearing. Clearly in our opinion the letter and the request made in it was for the benefit of the sender. Hillcrest Bay is on record with the Commission objecting to this attempt to undermine the USCA. Those late filings in our opinion should not be honored.

Respectfully,

John L. Sears  
Chairman, Hillcrest Bay Underground Utility Project.

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February 25, 2008

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION  
HEARING DIVISION

Docket No. E-01345A-07-0663

Docket No. T-01846B-07-0663

To Whom It May Concern:

In regard to the Underground Utilities proposed for this area, I would like to voice my opinion.

After talking to a number of residents, and considering the advantages of having this type of facility installed, it seems like a very good plan.

Not only would the absence of the telephone poles and overhead wires enhance the beauty for each piece of property, it would also provide safety for the future.

High winds in this area have caused damage to our homes and property, and over time, the poles grow weak from wood erosion. The possibility of toppled poles and broken wires will be non-existent. It's too soon to state as a "matter of fact", but it is possible we could expect to lower our Home Owners Insurance Rates as well.

Not everyone is in agreement for this proposed upgrade and that is understandable, but considering the advantages over a long period of time, even those opposed would benefit from the decision to proceed with the construction.

I say let's just "git 'er done"!



Bill Lambrose  
784 Swan Drive  
Parker, Arizona 85344

Hillcrest Bay  
Parcel No. 310-32-081  
Parcel No. 310-32-082

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March 20, 2008

Honorable Sarah Harpring  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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MAR 24 2008

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION  
HEARING DIVISION

Re: Docket No. E-01345A-07-0663 and T-01846B-07-0663

Dear Judge Harpring:

In response to a letter sent to all Hillcrest Bay homeowners by Steve Benton on 2-8-08, we are writing to reaffirm our "yes" vote for the Underground Conversion Service Area.

We have been fully informed as to cost estimates from Verizon and APS, as well as private costs, which total somewhere around \$21,000. Our view would be one of the ones that would be very much improved. We have lines right in front of us and a big metal electrical pole right in front of our deck. The value of our home would increase considerably with the underground improvements. We realize that we would have to put up with inconvenience for a while but we feel in will be worth it in the future. We plan to retire at Hillcrest within the next few years and would love to have these upgrades to our future home.

After considering the pros and cons, we believe the conversion is in the best interest of the subdivision as a whole, for those of us own property there now, as well as those who will own property there in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*William H. Dage*  
*Shari D. Dage*

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